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The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: நம்பிக்கைதான். நல்ல முறையில் நடக்குமென்று எதிர்பார்க்கிறோம். ஏனென்றால் தவறாக நடந்து ஒருமுறை சூப்பர்சீட் ஆனால் மறுபடியும் நல்ல முறையில் நடப்பதற்கு வழி இருக்கவேண்டும். ஆகையால் அதைப் பொருத்து இது சரியாக நடக்குமென்று எதிர்பார்க்கிறோம்.

Transfer of Government Servants

* 224 *Q.*—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that Government servants are frequently transferred and transferred in the middle of the year; and

(*b*) the principles on which the transfers are generally made?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) & (*b*) Government have issued instructions that frequent and unnecessary transfers should be avoided in the interest of economy as well as the convenience of the officers. These general instructions are, however, subject to exigencies of public service.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact that very often, without the least provocation, certain Government servants are transferred to far-off places and that the education of their children is interfered with, since they are not able to run two establishments?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: That could not be correct because definite instructions have been issued that the officers should not be transferred within a period of three years and that if officers are transferred within a period of three years, they will have to record the special reasons for the transfer and submit the same to their superior officers. I do not think transfer is indiscriminately ordered.

Agricultural co-operatives

* 225 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of agricultural co-operatives, districtwar in the Madras State as on 1st January 1961;

(*b*) the nature of the help and guidance given by them to the farmers; and

(*c*) the subsidy, if any, given by the Government to them?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) to (*c*) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Are the Government aware that the short-term and medium-term loans given to farmers by the agricultural banks are not used for the purpose for which they are intended?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Government cannot be aware of that except by way of general criticism. If particular instances are brought to their notice, they will look into them.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : What is the average membership of a society?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It depends upon the type of society. A rural agricultural credit society may have anything between 200 and 300 members and agricultural banks may have 1,000.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have the societies helped to increase agricultural production? Are Government satisfied?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Government are satisfied that increased co-operative credit has been given to agriculturists.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have they helped in eliminating the middlemen between tenants and big religious and other institutions?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Obviously it is not possible to eliminate middlemen. The co-operative credit given in the State, which I think, is the highest in India, covers only 30 per cent of the credit needs of the agricultural population. The other portion is met from other sources.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Have they been able to recover all loans?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is too general a question. Unless particular instances are given, it is not possible to answer.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are overdues more than 20 per cent of borrowings?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : He may put a separate question.

Coimbatore District Co-operative Central Stores

* 226 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN (on behalf of SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for
3-10 p.m. Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instances of defalcations have been brought to the notice of the Government in regard to the Coimbatore District Co-operative Central Stores; and

(*b*) if so, the amounts involved and the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.